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SUBJECT: MFA RENEWAL

REF: (A) STATE 38558; (B) LONDON 3158

1. E/C MIN CALLED ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRADE,
EDMUND DELL, ON MARCH 1 TO DISCUSS U.S. VIEWS ON MFA
RENEWAL. IN PRESENTING OUR POSITION E/C MIN STRESSED
THE SAME THREE ESSENTIAL POINTS OF THE U.S. POSITION THAT
WERE MADE TO BUTLER AT FCO AND REPORTED REF B.

2. DELL DID NOT OFFER ANY HOPE THAT THE UK WOULD MODIFY
ITS POSITION ON MFA RENEWAL, SAYING THE GOVERNMENT'S
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STANCE HAD BEEN TAKEN AFTER GREAT THOUGHT AND WAS BASED
ON THE NEED TO PROTECT THE DOMESTIC TEXTILE INDUSTRY
WHICH IS FACING SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES WHICH COULD BE
ALLEVIATED BY AMENDING THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENT. DELL
DEFENDED THE BRITISH POSITION BY SAYING THE UK HAD CON-
TINUED TO RESIST DOMESTIC PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES AT A
TIME OF SERIOUS ECONOMIC DIFFICULTY FOR THE COUNTRY AND

SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD COMMITTED ITSELF IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TO SEEK AMENDMENTS TO THE MFA.

3. WE ALSO TOOK ADVANTAGE OF A LUNCHEON MEETING RECENTLY TO RAISE THE MATTER WITH CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER DENIS HEALEY. (HEALEY HAS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR TEXTILE POLICY EXCEPT AS A MEMBER OF THE CABINET.) HIS RESPONSE WAS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE ONLY WAY TO REMOVE THE INDUSTRY PRESSURE THAT NECESSITATES THE PRESENT BRITISH POLICY IS AN EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIAL ECONOMIES AND WORLD DEMAND.

4. E/C MIN SEEING DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY MINISTER OF STATE ALAN WILLIAMS MARCH 4 IN ABSENCE OF INDUSTRY MINISTER VARLEY.

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